

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DUBLIN.

A COPY of a CIRCULAR LETTER addressed by the Trustees for Building of the Parish Church of *St. George*, in the County of *Dublin*, to the Committee of the said Parish, in the Month of January 1813 :— Also, such EXTRACTS from the VESTRY BOOK of the said Parish as relate to the Application to Parliament for a farther Sum of £.8,500, towards the Building of the said Church, in the Year 1813.

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— No. 1. —

LETTER from the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the Building of *St. George's Church*, to the Committee of the Parish.

TO the Committee of the Parish of *St. George*, appointed at the Vestries held in the Church on Wednesday the 13th, and Thursday the 21st of January 1813.

GENTLEMEN,

SEVERAL of the Parishioners having expressed a wish that the Statement which the Trustees, constituted under an Act of Parliament for the building of *St. George's Church*, had laid before the Vestry on the 13th January last, should be printed, which Statement had been referred to your Committee, We the Trustees gladly avail ourselves of the opportunity that the appointment of your Committee thus affords us, of laying before you for the information of the parishioners, an abstract of our proceedings from the commencement of our acting as Trustees, to the period to which our former statement was made up.

And as from the great increase of the inhabitants of the parish since the building of the Church first began, it is probable that many of the parishioners are unacquainted with the circumstances that occurred prior to (and which led to) the appointment of Trustees for conducting the building of the Church; we have deemed it advisable, in order to remove any misconceptions that may have arisen from the want of such information, to prefix to the statement of our transactions as Trustees, a detail of facts from the first formation of the parish, extracted from the Records of the parish.

In 1793, the parish of *St. George* was formed by Act of Parliament; but there is no record of any effort having been made for erecting a place of worship until May 1796, when a Resolution was passed at a Vestry meeting, declaring it to be expedient that the parish should be provided with a Church, and a Committee of nine was appointed for carrying this object into effect, yet no steps appear to have been taken in the business for nearly four years, when, at a Vestry held in January 1800, it was resolved that a Church should be built for the use of the parishioners, and application be made to Parliament, requesting aid for that purpose; a Committee was also named for receiving Plans and Estimates, and for managing all business relative to the building of the Church.

The sum of 5,000*l.* was granted by Parliament, which, after deducting pells and poundage, amounted only to 4,850*l.* The Committee having obtained this sum, advertised, in August 1800, for Plans and Estimates of the intended Church,

to be received in December following, offering premiums to the extent of 100 guineas for the three best plans.

Fourteen were received and exhibited, and on the 15th June 1801, Mr. Johnston's, (which had been given in upwards of a year) was finally approved of at a general meeting of the parishioners.

This Estimate appears to have been as follows:

	£.	s.	d.
For building and covering in the Church, and putting the outside doors and windows to it	10,080	18	8
For building the steeple from the roof of the Church up	3,249	4	10
For finishing the inside of the Church	4,123	14	10
	£. 17,453	18	4

In June 1801, an unsuccessful application appears to have been made by the Committee to the parishioners, to raise by subscription the difference between the sum received from Parliament, and the amount of the Estimate.

In May 1802, the first stone of St. George's Church was laid by the Earl of Hardwicke, and the building was proceeded on agreeably to the approved plan, although no other fund was provided for carrying it on than the Parliamentary Grant, and a small annual cess; in consequence, as soon as these funds were exhausted the building came to a total stop, and it appeared but too probable that the sum thus expended was uselessly applied.

After the Church had remained in this hopeless state for a considerable lapse of time, a Vestry was held on the 26th of February 1805, at which a Committee was appointed for the purpose of borrowing 3,500*l.* the interest to be paid out of parish cess to be hereafter levied; and the pews of the Church were vested in trust in the said Committee, as a security for the personal risk they ran in borrowing the money.

This Committee met from time to time, and having considered the wealth of the parish, conceived that the whole of the money could be borrowed, so as to enable them to have the Church finished with despatch, if the parish were inclined to grant a cess adequate to discharge the interest, and to establish a sinking fund of about 500*l.* per annum. They accordingly agreed, in conjunction with some gentlemen of the first respectability, to pass their own personal security to the lenders, both for the principal and interest.

This conduct on their part they confidently expected would have met the support and approbation of every inhabitant in the parish; but on Easter Monday, when they came forward to state their proceedings, and to apply for the additional cess to carry their plan into execution, they found that a small party (by what motives influenced it would be difficult to guess) had endeavoured to misrepresent their conduct, and had induced a number of gentlemen to join them in opposing the cess: some of these gentlemen, however, when the real state of the case was represented to them, coincided with the Committee, and the meeting in general appeared to be of their opinion, when a few persons (15 in number), taking advantage of the absence of most of the gentlemen who had originated the plan and who had retired, negatived the motion, and resolved that the cess raised should only be equal to the Minister's money.

At the succeeding Vestry, however, the better sense of the parishioners prevailed, and it was resolved, that a further cess of 500*l.* should be raised for the purpose of building the Church, and paying the interest of the money to be borrowed.

To prevent the recurrence of such circumstances as these, which, by destroying confidence, must inevitably put a stop to all further progress in building the Church, it was deemed advisable by the parish, that the care and superintendence of the building of the Church should be taken out of their own hands; and, in order to do so, they resolved that application should be made to Parliament to enable certain Trustees (to be named by the parish) to borrow 14,000*l.* on the security of a permanent cess to be levied on the parish, and that the care of the building should be vested solely in those Trustees.

Accordingly,

Accordingly, at a Vestry, held the 1st October 1805, a Committee was appointed to prepare a petition to Parliament; and at a subsequent Vestry, held the 19th of March 1806, the draft of a Bill prepared by the Committee was read and approved of, and 31 gentlemen were nominated as Trustees.

A Vestry was again held on the last day of the same month, for re-considering the draft of the Bill (which had been submitted to the opinion of Counsel), and for confirming or rejecting the nomination of the persons proposed as Trustees, when both the Bill and nomination were finally approved of. The Act was accordingly passed in the session of 1806, and the first meeting of the Trustees appointed under the Act took place on the 1st of August 1806.

From these facts it appears, with what a tedious delay the building of the Church was carried on whilst it was conducted by the parishioners themselves; for although the money was granted by Parliament in 1800, the building of the Church did not commence until 1802; and at the close of the year 1806 it was only raised as far as the cornice. It is therefore obvious that the Trustees could in no manner whatever be considered as responsible for the plan of the Church, either in its scale of magnitude or beauty of decoration. The plan and estimate had been in 1800 approved of by the parishioners, and its building under their management had, in 1806, only attained the elevation already mentioned. In this state it came under the direction of the Trustees, who could only proceed on the work without altering the plan originally agreed to and acted upon by the parish. The Trustees, however, thought it right (in the progress of the work) to inquire why the expenditure on the Church had so largely exceeded the estimate; and the architect has assigned the reasons, which appear in the annexed Appendix, No. 1.

In Appendix, No. 2, is a general Account of the sums of Money expended on the Church, both by the Parish and Trustees; and the amount of the Debt still due on accounts audited to the 29th of November 1812.

We think it necessary on these Accounts merely to observe, that every species of work has been executed under contracts that have been advertised for in the public papers, agreeably to Act of Parliament.

In concluding this statement, we cannot but express our satisfaction, that from the various means by which we applied ourselves, and succeeded in raising money, we have been enabled to leave the entire of the lower part of the Church open to the parishioners at large; an accommodation which, we must observe, is not afforded in any parish church belonging to the Establishment in Dublin; and this circumstance is the more to be remarked on, because that previous to the appointment of the Trustees, the entire of the pews had been vested by the parish in the hands of those persons who were to have raised money upon that security, as appears by the act of Vestry.

We have now only to add, that being most anxious to have the Church open as soon as possible, we have, for the accomplishment of that purpose, applied the entire of the last sum of money borrowed from the Board of First Fruits to that part of the interior of the Church wherein Divine Service is to be celebrated.

Hoping that this plain statement of facts will prove satisfactory,

We have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient, humble servants,

THE TRUSTEES

Appointed by Act of Parliament.

Appendix, No. 1.

REPORT.

THE great rise of materials and labour, from August 1800 (when the estimate was made) to May 1802, when the work began, and the continual rise from that time to the present, in consequence of which no contract could be had with creditable workmen for less prices than those actually paid.

The addition of a thorough vaulted basement to the church, occasioned by having to sink deeper than was at first expected for a stable foundation; and in order to have the floor of the church a proper height above the pavement of the streets around it, which streets were not laid out when the estimate was framed, by the Commissioners of Wide Streets.

The application of Portland stone for the portico and the entablature around the church, the decorations of said entablature, and fluting the columns, pilasters, &c., the application of Portland stone on the work of the steeple, the whole of which aforesaid work of church and steeple was proposed to have been executed in mountain stone, but which it was found impossible to get of scantling sufficiently large or of quality good enough for a building of such consequence.

(signed) Francis Johnston,
Architect.

13 December 1808.

Appendix, No. 2.

GENERAL ACCOUNT of EXPENDITURE, by the Parish and by the Trustees, in the building of St. George's Church.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
TO Funds raised by the parish, previous to appointment of Trustees - - - -	7,540	3	-	BY paid by parish for works previous to appointment of Trustees - - - -	7,540	3	-			
To debentures issued by Trustees under Act of Parliament - -	14,000	-	-	By paid by Trustees for services of debt due by the parish for work - - - -	3,576	1	11	11,116	4	11
To loan to Trustees by Board of First Fruits - - - -	5,000	-	-	By paid by Trustees for amount of work - - - -				15,694	9	3
To ditto - ditto by ditto - -	3,500	-	-							
To grant to ditto by ditto - -	500	-	-							
To rent of vaults £. 985 6 3										
Deduct three years interest on 5,000 <i>l.</i> paid to Board of First Fruits - - - 900 - -										
	98	6	3							
To coins levied under Act of Parliament, to Easter 1812 3012 15 7½										
Deduct interest on debentures - - - 3,770 17 10½										
	143	19	9							
To sale of gallery pews - - -	5,213	8	9							
To balance - - - -	219	16	5							
£	36,310	14	2					£.	36,310	14 2

STATEMENT of the Total Expenditure on St. George's Church to the 29th November 1812.

	£.	s.	d.
For work executed under the direction of the parish previous to the appointment of the Trustees - - - -	11,116	4	11
For work executed under the direction of the Trustees - - - -	25,094	9	3
Due for work on accounts audited, to the 29th November 1812 - - -	4,489	4	5
Total - - - £.	40,699	18	7

— No. 2. —

EXTRACTS from the Vestry Book of the parish of *St. George*, in the county of *Dublin*, relative to the application to Parliament, for a further Sum of 8,500 *l.*, towards the building of the said Church.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE.

THE Parishioners of St. George's, are requested to take notice, that a Vestry will be held in St. George's Church, on Thursday the 7th January 1813, at 12 o'clock, to take into consideration a plan to be laid before them by the Trustees, for the purpose of raising an additional sum of money, in order to complete the building of the Church.

(signed) *Gustavus Brooke,* } Churchwardens.
Thomas Arthur, }

Present, Rev. William Bushe, in the Chair:

Gustavus Brooke, Esq.	T. Arthur, M. D.	Rev. Mr. Morgan.
Alderman Carleton.	Rev. Mr. Palmer.	J. Kingston James, Esq.
Colonel Hamdfield.	Dr. Everoy.	— Beatty, Esq.
Captain Read.	Richard Mansell, Esq.	— Hill, Esq.
Charles Forster, Esq.	Dr. Murphy.	A. Montgomery, Esq.
Sed. Mayne, Esq.	Henry Adair, Esq.	Henry Gresson, Esq.
Henry Morelyth, Esq.	Edward J. Smyth, Esq.	S. Barnes, Esq.
P. E. Singer, Esq.	James Taylor, Esq.	M'Donough, Esq.
Henry Brooke, Esq.	J. Thompson, Esq.	E. Swift, Esq.
Alex. Johnson, Esq.	Hans Hamilton, Esq. M. P.	Henry Ellis, Esq.
Thomas Rane, Esq.	Thomas Lowne, Esq.	Nicholas Ellwood, Esq.
Dr. Kelly.	Thomas Faris, Esq.	Andrew Johnson, Esq.
Nicholas Ellis, Esq.	William Dix, Esq.	— Colville, Esq.
J. Barlow, Esq.	Arthur Irvine, Esq.	— Thompson, Esq.
N. Donovan, Esq.	F. Thomas, Esq.	— Ganly, Esq.

Resolved, That the Report from the sub-committee of the Trustees for building St. George's Church, be now received and read.

REPORT of the Committee, appointed under a resolution of a Board of Trustees, on the 10th December 1812, to consider the state of the funds for building St. George's Church, and to suggest those means which shall appear to the Committee best calculated to raise with certainty and expedition such sum of money as shall be found necessary to pay off all the present debts, and to provide for finishing the Church and inclosing a cemetery or burial-ground, agreeable to Act of Parliament.

Your Committee, in order to obtain the information necessary to enable it to carry into effect the instructions of the Board, called upon the Committee of Accounts for a statement of all sums due to tradesmen, artificers and others, on account of the building of the Church, whose accounts had been made up to specific periods, and the balances due thereon certified, together with the amounts of the several sums borrowed on loan by the Trustees, for which interest is payable, and the funds appropriated for the discharge of the same. The Committee of Accounts have accordingly delivered in the statement marked (A.)

From Mr. Brooke, churchwarden, your Committee has required a return of the amount of cess payable for the year 1812, on account of the Trustees, distinguishing what has been collected for this year, and also the arrears due on the years 1810 and 1811. Mr. Brooke has accordingly delivered in the statement marked (B.)

Mr. Johnston, architect, has at the desire of the Committee delivered in the statement marked (C), being an estimate of the probable expense of finishing the building of the Church, and inclosing a burial-ground, including in this Estimate all expenses incurred subsequent to the periods respectively of the certified accounts of the several tradesmen and artificers, as returned by the Committee of Accounts. This Estimate, your Committee has directed to be made up under four distinct heads.

(A.)

Balances due to Tradesmen on Accounts certified to this day, per Committee of Accounts.

	£.	s.	d.
Richard Mallett, smith - - - - -	93	10	11½
Edward Smith, stone carver - - - - -	11	17	9
Peter Cockburn, stone cutter - - - - -	2,226	13	8½
M. & A. Williamson, carpenters - - - - -	1,844	16	3½
F. Johnston, architect - - - - -	288	2	5
Incidents - - - - -	25	3	3½
	£.	4,489	4 5

(C.)

Estimate of the probable Expense of finishing the Church and inclosing a Burial-ground, per Mr. Johnston.

	£.	s.	d.
1st. Completing the body of the Church and surrounding corridor, the gallery staircases and entrances, also the vestry room - - - - -	2,496	-	-
2d. Completing the exterior work of the Church, remainder of iron railing, flagging within, the floors, windows, &c. of the steeple - - - - -	1,480	-	-
3d. Completing the exterior of the school, and the mistress's apartments, with the beds, bedding and other furniture necessary for the same - - - - -	896	-	-
4th. Walling in the parish burial-ground, supposing it to contain one acre, and in form a square, or nearly so - - - - -	1,000	-	-
	£.	5,872	-

Making together (A. & C.) a total sum required, 10,361 £ 4 s. 5 d.

That to meet this expenditure, it appears from the Churchwarden's Statement,

(B.)

	£.	s.	d.
Remaining uncollected of the cess for 1811 and 1812 - - -	732	5	8
Balance in the bank of Messrs. Ball & Co. - - -	113	1	6
Balance due from Mr. Knox, on his final payment for his pew - - - - -	28	2	6
Lord Mountjoy, final payment for his pew on the Church being finished - - - - -	100	-	-
Balance in the bank of Messrs. La Touche & Co. (being) last instalment from the Board of First Fruits - - -	634	14	2
	£.	1,608	3 10

From this deduct the following Sums, which will become payable before the cess for 1813 can be collected, viz. :

	£.	s.	d.
Interest on 14,000 <i>l.</i> , payable 1st May - - -	420	-	-
Ditto - - - 100 <i>l.</i> ditto - - -	3	-	-
Collector's fees on cess - - -	72	15	-
Deductions on 121 houses under 3 <i>s.</i> minister's money - - - - -	12	12	-
Allowance for receipt books - - -	1	10	-
		509	17 -
		1,098	6 10

Your Committee are further of opinion, that the sum estimated for completing the interior of the school and mistress's apartments, amounting to 896 l., may be defrayed on the opening of the Church for divine service by charity sermons, which will reduce the amount to be borrowed for completing the Church - - -	£. s. d.
	896 - -
	£. 1,994 6 10

Leaving a balance of 8,366 l. 17 s. 7 d., required to discharge the tradesmen's bills, and to complete the Church and burial-ground.

Your Committee next proceeded to consider the amount of annual charges to which the fund appropriated for building the Church was liable, and find that the interest on the 14,000 l. debentures is payable half-yearly,

1st May and 1st Nov., amounting annually to - - -	£. s. d.
Interest due Mr. Allen on 100 l. - - - - -	840 - -
Ditto on 5,000 l., from Board of First Fruits, payable 1st July - - - - -	300 - -
Ditto on 3,500 l., ditto - - ditto - - - - -	210 - -
Total of Interest - - - £.	1,350 - -

Your Committee find that the church cess has been liable to the payment annually of the following sums, viz.:

Clerks, per annum, by Trustees - - - £.	20 - -
Watchman, paid by architect - - - - -	18 5 -
Interest ordered by Trustees to P. Cockburn on 974 l. 6 s. 3 d. - - - - -	48 15 -
Incidents, about - - - - -	5 - -
	92 - -
Making Total Annual Expense - - - £.	1,448 - -

That the Fund applicable to this Expenditure is as follows, viz.:

Amount of cess for 1812 (will probably increase) - - -	1,358 5 -
Rent of church vaults, per annum - - - - -	270 12 6
Saving in interest on 5,000 l., lent to the Bank of Ireland at 5 per cent. - - - - -	50 - -
£.	1,678 17 6

Leaving a surplus fund of 230 l. 17 s. 6 d. applicable to contingencies, and to the further liquidation of the debt named for building the Church.

Your Committee, on a review of the facts here stated, are of opinion that the sum of 8,500 l. should be raised to discharge the certified balances due to the tradesmen, &c. and to complete the building of the Church and inclosing the burial-ground, agreeable to Mr. Johnston's Estimate.

Your Committee has thus laid before you a statement of the present funds of the Church, together with an estimate of the sum that will be required to complete the building, and have submitted, under three distinct heads, the various modes which, to the best of their judgment they would recommend as most eligible to be adopted for raising the necessary fund for discharging the balances of tradesmen's bills, and finishing the Church; and as under every view of the subject it appears expedient that a petition should be presented to Parliament to enable the Trustees to raise by loan the entire or part of the sum required, as the case may be, and the time for Private Bills having expired on the 18th instant, it is recommended that the sense of the

the Parish should be taken on the subject generally as soon as possible, as the measure of petition, if adopted, must be determined and acted on by August next at the latest.

(signed) *Charles Handfield.* *Henry Gresson.*
Alexander Hamilton. *P. E. Singer.*
Henry Meredith.

Dublin, 17 Dec. 1812.

Resolved, That their Report, together with the Resolutions of the Board of Trustees as founded thereon, be entered this day upon the Vestry Book.

Resolved, That the said Report and Resolution be referred to a Committee of seven Parishioners now in Vestry assembled.

Henry Ellis, Esq.	Cunningham M ^c Alpine, Esq.
Thomas Farris, Esq.	George Burnford, Esq.
Henry Adair, Esq.	Sed. Mayne, Esq.
Rev. Mr. Wakely.	

The above-named gentlemen being nominated a Committee as above appointed, Resolved, That they be required to make their Report to a Vestry of the Parishioners, to be held on Thursday the 21st instant.

(signed) *William Bushe, Rector.*
Gustavus Brooke, } Churchwardens.
Thomas Arthur, }
W. C. Colville. *James Barlow,*
Moore Morgan, Curate. *P. E. Singer.*
Edward Swift. *George Beatty.*
J. Kingston James. *Francis Johnston.*
Richard Mounsell. *C. M^cAlpine.*
Myles O'Reilly.

PARISH OF ST. GEORGE.

THE Parishioners of St. George are requested to take notice that a Vestry will be held on Thursday next the 21st instant, at 12 o'clock, in St. George's Church to receive the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Vestry to consider the plan that was then laid before them by the Trustees for raising what further sum was necessary to complete the building of the Parish Church.

16 Jan. 1813. (signed) *Gustavus Brooke,* } Churchwardens.
Thomas Arthur, }

At an adjourned Vestry held in St. George's Church pursuant to notice on Thursday the 21st day of January 1813.

Present in the Chair, Rev. William Bushe,

Gustavus Brooke, Esq. } Churchwardens.
Thomas Arthur, Esq. }

Colonel Handfield.	R. M. Fraser, Esq.	J. K. James, Esq.
Alderman Thorpe,	Francis Beatty, Esq.	Henry Gresson, Esq.
Dr. Kelly.	——— Rafferty, Esq.	Rev. Mr. Morgan.
P. E. Singer, Esq.	A. Montgomery, Esq.	Isaac Haddock, Esq.
Henry Ellis, Esq.	Dr. M'Loughlin.	Dr. Murphy,
Eb ^r Dix, Esq.	E. J. Ransford, Esq.	Henry Carroll, Esq.
Henry Adair, Esq.	Thomas Farris, Esq.	Thomas O'Mara, Esq.
A. Worthington, Esq.	N. E. Aylward, Esq.	G. Burnford, Esq.
James Beatty, Esq.	L. Donovan, Esq.	T. Babington, Esq.
Edward Swift, Esq.	C. Forster, Esq.	B. Arthur, Esq.
Sed. Mayne	——— Belcher, Esq.	J. Sweeney, Esq.
Captain Reed.	Rev. Mr. Wakely.	Major Campbell.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee appointed at the last Vestry be now read.

It was moved as an amendment, on the motion for raising the sum required by tax, that application be made to Government, stating the exigencies of the parish, and the necessity of raising a sum not exceeding 10,000*l.* for the completion of the Church, and the payment of its present debts, and praying their sanction for raising such sum by a Lottery, to be appended to the State Lottery, to be drawn at such times and places, and under such modifications as they may think proper.

This motion was negatived, the original motion and the following ones were then put and carried.

Resolved, That the Legislature be applied to for an Act of Parliament to enable the Churchwardens to raise by cess a sum equal to the Minister's money, upon all houses paying Minister's money to the amount of 8*s.* and upwards, in addition to the present cess.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed for framing an Act of Parliament for the above purpose, containing the necessary powers, reservations and restrictions, as well for raising the sum required as the application thereof; accordingly the gentlemen who framed the Report given in, were nominated as the persons of this Committee, with the addition of Counsellors Swift and Campbell.

Resolved, That a Committee of the Parishioners be annually appointed at the Easter Vestry, to investigate the application of the sum so to be raised as aforesaid.

Resolved, That there be printed annually an Abstract or General Account of the sums actually received, and how expended; stating same under general heads of Disbursement, without specifying the particular items of each, and how much principal remains to be discharged at the expiration of each year; and that such printed Statement should be distributed among the Parishioners 10 days at least before Easter Sunday in every year, until the whole debt is extinguished; and that the Trustees should be requested to publish a similar statement of the money already received and disbursed, and debt now remaining undischarged, for the like purpose, before the meeting of the Parishioners at next Easter Vestry.

(signed) *William Bushe*, Rector.

Gustavus Brooke,
Thomas Arthur, } Churchwardens.

E. J. Ransford. *Jas. Thompson.*
Edmund Swift. *Alex. Montgomery.*
Cunningham. M'Alpine. *William Cooper.*
Thomas Faris. *Francis Johnston.*

REPORT of the Committee appointed by the Parishioners of St. George's Parish, at a Vestry held on the 7th day of January 1813; to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for building St. George's Church.

YOUR Committee report, that having taken into consideration the said Report of the said Trustees on a meeting with said Trustees, deemed it necessary to submit to them the Questions annexed to this Report, to which they gave the Answers therein contained, and to both of which your Committee beg leave to refer; as also a Report given in to the said Trustees in December 1808, by Francis Johnston, architect, to which the said Trustees referred your Committee, as containing Answers to the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th Questions, so proposed by them to said Trustees, and to which Report your Committee beg leave to refer.

Your Committee did not consider themselves authorized further to investigate the accounts of the said Trustees, but to deliberate upon the sum that they have demanded of 8,366*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, as the sum necessary for the completion of the Church, if the estimate on which the calculations are formed is correct, but which your Committee has not had an opportunity of inspecting.

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Your Committee are of opinion that the above sum, if correctly estimated, should be raised by loan; and that, in order to provide for the payment of the interest thereof, and to constitute a sinking fund for its ultimate discharge, in addition to other surplus funds which may hereafter become applicable thereto, report, that the Legislature should be applied to for an Act of Parliament to enable the Churchwardens to raise by cess a sum equal to the Minister's money, upon all houses paying minister's money to the amount of 8s. and upwards, in addition to the present cess, which, from a statement laid before your Committee, would produce a sum of £201. 10s. per annum, and which is supposed will hereafter increase, so much of said sum as necessary to be applied to the payment of the interest of said principal sum of 8,366*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and the overplus to be applied to the discharge of the principal to be raised.

Your Committee submits this as the most eligible mode of raising the sum required, and far preferable to either selling or letting the seats, both of which plans would necessarily exclude a great number of the parishioners from accommodation in the Church, who might not have purchased or intended same, although they had equally otherwise contributed to the erection of the Church.

Your Committee further recommend, that a Committee of the Parishioners should be appointed for framing an Act of Parliament for the above purpose, containing the necessary powers, reservations and restrictions, as well for raising the sum required as the application thereof.

Your Committee further recommend that there should be annually printed an Abstract or General Account of the Sums actually received, and how expended, stating same under general heads of Disbursement, without specifying the particular items of each, and how much principal remains to be discharged at the expiration of each year; and that such printed Statement should be distributed among the Parishioners 10 days at least before Easter Monday in every year, until the whole debt shall be extinguished; and that the Trustees should be requested to publish a similar statement of the money already received and disbursed, and debt now remaining undischarged, for the like purpose, before the meeting of the Parishioners at next Easter Vestry.

(signed)	<i>Henry Ellis.</i>	<i>Geo. Burnford.</i>
	<i>James Wakely.</i>	<i>Sed. Mayne.</i>
	<i>Thomas Ferris.</i>	<i>Henry Adair.</i>
	<i>C. M. Alpine.</i>	

Dublin, 21 Jan. 1813.

QUESTIONS proposed to the Trustees by the Committee appointed by
St. George's Parish.

1st.—Was there any original Plan and Estimate?

Answer.—The Trustees began to act on the 5th August 1806, at which time the building of the Church had considerably advanced; and were at that period informed that the building was conducted under an original plan and estimate, which had been adopted and acted upon by the Parish from 1802, as recognised and confirmed by the Act constituting the Trustees.

2d.—If an estimate, has there been any expenditure exceeding it; if so, how much, and why?

Answer.—The amount of the original estimate, as reported to the Trustees, appears to have been 17,453*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*, and the expenditure, to the present date, 40,594*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*, being an exceeding of 23,140*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.*, arising, as the Architect states, from the causes set forth in his Report.

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3d.—If an estimate, how much in amount?

Answer.—See above.

4th.—If an original plan, has there been any deviation from it?

Answer.—The Trustees are informed by the Architect, that the original plan has not been departed from.

5th.—Has the work been done by written contract, or how otherwise?

Answer.—The Trustees have seen that the work has been done under written contract.

6th.—Have the accounts been audited by the Commissioners of Imprest Accounts?

Answer.—No.

7th.—Have the accounts been regularly inspected by the Trustees, and the vouchers marked?

Answer.—Yes.

8th.—Can contracts be procured for finishing the Church, so as that the sum may be ascertained?

Answer.—The tradesmen now at work on the Church are under contract as to price; and the estimate for finishing the Church, given in by the Architect, and submitted in the Report of the Sub-Committee of the Trustees, has been made on such prices.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, DUBLIN.

A COPY of a CIRCULAR LETTER addressed by the
Treasurer for building of the Parish Church of
Saint George, in the County of Dublin, to the
Committee of the said Parish, in the Month of
January 1813.—Also, such EXTRACTS from the
Vestry Book of the said Parish, as relate to the
Application to Parliament for a further Sum of
£ 1,500, towards the building of the said Church
in the Year 1813.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
30 March 1813.
